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**DFEH CONTINUES EFFORTS TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES:
HOLDS TRAINING FOR LEGAL COMMUNITY AND
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

Sacramento – The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) today announced that it will continue to collaborate with the Fair Employment and Housing Commission and several Northern and Southern California bar associations to provide training for attorneys who have volunteered their services to aid victims of retaliatory hate crimes. Community-based organizations, religious groups, housing providers, and others who refer or assist hate crime victims are also invited to attend the training on the rights and remedies available under California hate crime statutes.

The next session has been scheduled on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in Sacramento. It will be co-sponsored by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, the California State Bar Association, and the Sacramento County Bar Association. Sessions will also be held in San Diego on November 6, Orange County on November 7, and Fresno on November 14. **Interested parties must pre-register by calling DFEH at (916) 227-1166.**

"The reports of retaliation against persons believed to be Arab or Muslim Americans here in California only add to the human tragedy in the aftermath of the New York and Washington terrorist attacks," said DFEH Director Dennis Hayashi. "This training will help ensure that the public knows about state services and resources available to combat hate violence.

Similar training was held last week in Los Angeles, California. Over 150 persons attended the session that addressed California hate crime statutes, the Department's role in investigating and prosecuting hate crime complaints, and benefits available through the State's Victim Compensation Program.

The Davis Administration earlier announced a new toll-free telephone hotline for persons who believe they may be a victim of a hate crime. Department staff advise callers of the services available to them through the department, provide informational materials, or set appointments for visits to DFEH district offices.

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